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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Pacific Council) adhoc Sablefish Management and Trawl Allocation Attainment Committee (SaMTAAC) will hold a meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held Friday, June 29, 2018, starting at 8 a.m. and will end when business for the day has been completed.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Waterton Hotel, 4242 Roosevelt Way NE, Seattle, WA 98105; telephone: (206) 826-4242.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Jim Seger, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820-2416.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This will be the first SaMTAAC meeting and its primary purpose is to orient the SaMTAAC and its advisors around to its charge, review information and alternatives already developed, and identify additional information that may be helpful to the committee for its first full meeting. The

committee's charge is as follows: Identifying obstacles to achieving the goals and

objectives of the catch share plan related to under attainment of non-sablefish trawl

allocations and unharvested sablefish quota pounds (QP) south of 36° N. latitude. As

appropriate to overcome identified obstacles, the committee will discuss and develop

options, including but not limited to, actions that may modify rules for gear switching by

trawl permit holders and QP leasing to vessels using fixed gear, as well as options that

may encourage increased utilization of sablefish QPs south of 36° N. latitude.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may be

discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting.

Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issues

arising after publication of this document that require emergency action under section

305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided

the public has been notified of the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign

language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris

Kleinschmidt at kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov or (503) 820-2411 at least 10 days prior to

the meeting date.

Dated: June 8, 2018.

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